

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Steve Metli has served as the Sioux Falls Director of Planning and Building Services for over 30 years, helping Sioux Falls become one of the most economically prosperous and desirable cities to live in the country; and,

Whereas, Under Steve's leadership and advocacy, Sioux Falls has almost doubled in population from 76,000 to 141,000 people while employment in the metropolitan area more than doubled from 54,000 to 112,000 jobs. Amazingly, Sioux Falls issued 6,900 building permits last year totaling more than \$400 million of building value. This economic explosion has greatly benefited the state and region; and,

Whereas, Steve is the most positive, energetic, and enthusiastic supporter and leader of Sioux Falls beginning with the opening of the Sioux Empire Mall in 1975, the development of Sioux Falls' first long-term growth management plan, and the opening of a major credit card operation that helped shape the economy of the entire state; and,

Whereas, Steve has had a vision for Sioux Falls that has been transformed into action, including the Convention Center, the Washington Pavillion, the Big Sioux Greenway, Phillips to the Falls, and Falls Park; and,

Whereas, Steve's 30 years of leadership and actions as Director of Planning and Building Services under five different mayors has met the challenge of growth while preserving the unique quality of life enjoyed by all citizens of Sioux Falls and those who visit, work and shop in Sioux Falls; and,

Whereas, Steve has also been a leader statewide, with the state and other cities frequently calling on his expertise, advice, experience, and political savvy; and,

Whereas, Steve truly does have the pulse of the community in the palm of his hand and he does it with grace, style, and a smile that can get you to agree with his ideas and jump on his bandwagon of success; and,

Whereas, Steve may be retiring as Director of Planning and Building Services, but we all know he will continue to tirelessly advocate for the growth and improvement of Sioux Falls as a place to live and visit; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments and years of service of this outstanding South Dakotan:

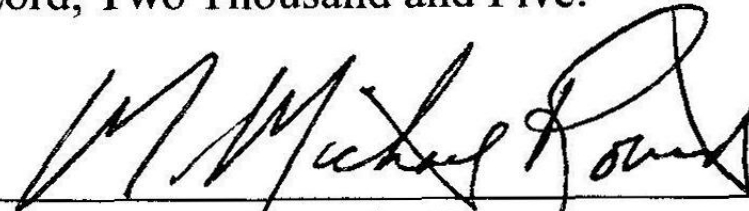
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 10, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends and colleagues in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State